



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7000

LCO No. 3405



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT EQUALIZING ACCESS TO STUDENT-GENERATED
FINANCIAL AID.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) (a) Beginning in the fall
2 semester of 2018, and for each semester thereafter, in accordance with
3 8 USC 1621(d), any person who is entitled to classification as an in-
4 state student for tuition purposes, pursuant to section 10a-29 of the
5 general statutes, shall be eligible to apply for and receive, to the extent
6 permitted by federal law, institutional financial aid to attend a public
7 institution of higher education in the state from the funds set aside by
8 the constituent unit, as defined in section 10a-1 of the general statutes.
9 For the purposes of this section, "institutional financial aid" means
10 funds set aside from the anticipated tuition revenue of an institution of
11 higher education for the purposes of providing tuition waivers, tuition
12 remissions, grants for educational expenses, and student employment
13 for residents of the state enrolled as full or part-time matriculated
14 students in a degree-granting program or enrolled in a precollege
15 remedial program and who demonstrate substantial financial need.

16 (b) Not later than January 1, 2018, the Board of Regents for Higher
17 Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut
18 shall establish procedures and develop forms to enable persons who
19 are eligible for institutional financial aid under subsection (a) of this
20 section to apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by federal law,
21 such institutional financial aid.

22 (c) Nothing in this section is intended to require or compel a public
23 institution of higher education to match the amount of federal student
24 financial aid a person eligible for institutional financial aid under
25 subsection (a) of this section would receive if such person was eligible
26 for such federal student financial aid.

27 (d) The Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of
28 Trustees for The University of Connecticut may adopt such policies as
29 are necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow students to have equal access to institutional financial aid.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]